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Attorney Docket No. 27353-501 UTIL

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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APPLICANTS :	Blackburn, <i>et al.</i>	CONFIRMATION NUMBER :	4288
SERIAL NUMBER :	09/967,321	EXAMINER :	Lam, Ann Y.
FILING DATE :	October 1, 2001	ART UNIT :	1641
FOR :	<b>Methods</b>		

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the April 18, 2006 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before October 18, 2006. A check in the amount of \$510.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. **50-0311** Ref. No. **27353-501** UTIL. Please address all correspondence to Customer Number **35437**. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 18, 2006

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